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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Responsibilities of the TCO/CIA

1. At your request we have examined the functions of the CIA TALENT Control Officer (TCO/CIA). As described in the attachment we find that this position, unlike any other TCO in the intelligence community, has dual responsibilities. The first category of responsibility is that which relates to support of the Director of Central Intelligence in the management of the entire T-KH Control System in

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2. In the past the Chairman of COMIREX (and of its predecessor committees) has been responsible for both of the above TCO roles. Because of the interagency nature of COMIREX activities and affairs and because the Chairman, COMIREX is the DCI's advisor on T-KH policy matters it is preferable to have the Chairman, COMIREX continue to support the DCI in the management of the community T-KH Control System. For the same reasons, however, the departmental T-KH control function within the CIA should be assigned to another individual, preferably one directly responsible to the Agency's Senior Intelligence Officer, namely, the Deputy Director for Intelligence.

3. Such a separation of the dual T-KH control functions now being performed by the TCO/CIA could be accomplished by creating a new collateral-duty title of "TCO/DCI" for the Chairman, COMIREX thereby leaving the title of TCO/CIA for assignment to a second individual. This, however, probably would create considerable confusion within the intelligence community. The more preferable approach is to (a) have the Chairman, COMIREX retain the title of TCO/CIA with his responsibilities limited to support of the DCI on community matters, and (b) designate a Deputy TCO/CIA with clearly defined responsibilities for administration of the internal Agency T-KH Control System. Because the Deputy Director for Intelligence is also the Agency's Senior Intelligence Officer, both the functions of the Deputy TCO/CIA and of the TCO/DDI should be assigned to one person.

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4. The following drafts of implementing memoranda are attached and are recommended for the signature of the Deputy Director for Intelligence:

a. A memorandum to all TCO's and TSO's in the intelligence community designating [] as the TCO/CIA and [] as the Deputy TCO/CIA. This memorandum should be classified within the T-KH system in order to avoid internal dissemination problems within the Department of Defense []

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b. A memorandum to all TCO's and TSO's of CIA components designating [] as the Deputy TCO/CIA in addition to his duties as TCO/DDI and also designating [] as Alternate TCO/DDI vice []. Neither a Headquarters Notice nor a DDI Notice is necessary or suitable for the above notification purposes.

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c. Memoranda to the TCO/CIA and to the Deputy TCO/CIA delineating their respective responsibilities and duties so as to separate community and CIA departmental functions relative to the T-KH Control System. Copies of these memoranda should be sent to all TCO's and TSO's of CIA components as a means of notifying them that the Deputy TCO/CIA handles the administration of the System within CIA.

5. This memorandum has been coordinated with the Chairman, COMIREX and he concurs in the above recommendations.

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[Signature]
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Attachments:

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